

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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RESOLUTION # 03-3000-01
**OPPOSITION TO H.R. 1960 AND H.R. 2 WITH RESPECT TO TRIBAL EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION THROUGH THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS a central mission of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, a Federally recognized Indian tribe, is to promote education and the Tribe has created the Tribal Education Department for this purpose;

WHEREAS in the Improving American Schools Act of 1994, Public L. No. 103-382, Congress authorized appropriations for Tribal Education Department through the U.S. Department of Education;

WHEREAS this appropriations authorization is in recognition of the vital role that Tribal Education Departments play in improving the educational conditions for tribal students;

WHEREAS the bills reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act programs, H.R. 1960 and H.R. 2 would eliminate the appropriations authorization;

WHEREAS these eliminations are contrary to the nation-to-nation relationship between Indian tribes and the United States, and are detrimental to tribal students;

WHEREAS the proper treatment of this issue is found in the reauthorization bill S. 2, which retains the appropriations authorization for Tribal Education Department funding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians hereby opposes H.R. 1960 and H.R. 2 with respect to the provisions that would eliminate

